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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION-JALIL SHORAKA

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1. CENTRAL BANK DEPUTY GOVERNOR JALIL SHORAKA WAS PRESENTED TO SHAH NOVEMBER 10 AS NEW SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE, REPLACING HASSAN ALI MEHRAN WHO RECENTLY WAS ELEVATED TO TOP CENTRAL BANK POST(REF B).

2. SHORAKA WAS BORN IN 1933, RECEIVED M.A. AND B.A. IN COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY IN 1959. HE RETURNED TO IRAN IN 1962 AND BECAME CHIEF OF ACCOUNTS SECTION OF PLAN ORGANIZATION, THEN ACTING HEAD OF F.F. GOODRICH FINANCE SECTION. HE WAS APPOINTED DEPUTY MANAGER OF INDUSTRIAL AND MINING DEVELOPMENT BANK OF IRAN IN 1965, WAS NAMED CHIEF OF IRAN EXPORT PROMOTION CENTER IN 1969, AND IN 1972 BECAME COMMERCIAL UNDER-SECRETARY OF MIISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS WHICH HE LEFT TO BECOME EXECURIVE DIRECTOR OF BANK SHAHRIAR IN MARCH 1973. HE SERVED AS DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN FROM DECEMBER 1973 UNTIL PRESENT. SHORAKA SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL, IS MARRIED TO AN AMERICAN AND HAS SEVERAL CHILDREN.

3. EMBASSY CONTACTS IN PAST HAVE REVEALED SHORAKA AS  
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BRIGHT, COOPERATIVE INDIVIDUAL WITH GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR.

WE ARE PARTICULARLY PLEASED HE WILL BE TAKING OVER MEHRAN'S  
JOB AS IRANIAN CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ON ECONOMY AND  
FINANCE OF U.S.-IRAN JOINT COMMISSION. AWARDING OF KEY  
JOINT COMMISSION POST TO MAN WITH SUCH GOOD BACKGROUND  
GIVES PROMISE THAT CLOSE U.S.-IRANIAN COOPERATION ON  
COMMISSION WORK WILL CONTINUE.  
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